

I – 90 Bridge Overlook (Floating Bridge Viewpoint)

Lake Washington Boulevard S. and S. Day



LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The park is located in the Leschi neighborhood above the I-90 bridge. The viewpoint provides wide-angle views of Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains. Park property borders all sides of the viewpoint. 90% of the intended viewshed is present.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

The park is situated at the top of a steeply terraced slope of ornamental shrubs. Views to the south and north are obstructed from the bench by the shrub *Euonymus alatus*, Burning Bush. Though shrubs have been hedged to assist in maximizing views, the genetic propensity of height and shrub growth prohibits how much can be pruned. In addition, a Portuguese Laurel growing on a lower terrace needs to be pruned to limit view obstruction to the north.

MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

Category 2 – Pruning

Procedures:

1. Shrub pruning using ANSI 300 standards
2. Remove e *Euonymus* on both sides of viewpoint and replace with dwarf variety of shrub to maintain aesthetics and continuity.
3. Mulch new plantings
4. Provide irrigation to new plants

B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Three year cycle maintenance frequency will require:

- Control height of adjacent vegetation
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning for form, shape and to prohibit view obstruction using ANSI 300 standards

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| View management locations: Zone 1 - Developed park landscape |
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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Priority 3

Tall shrubs blocking views north and south from the viewing bench should be removed and replanted with the same species (*Euonymous alatus*) using a dwarf variety to maximize intended views.

Phasing

- Phase 1 - Remove shrubs; prune height on Portuguese Laurel
- Phase 2 - Plant small replacement dwarf variety hedges in planters
Mulch new plantings
Provide temporary irrigation

Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

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| UF staff: | -prune and remove |
| shrubsContractor, UF staff and/or volunteers: | -plant hedges and mulching |
| Park Maintenance staff: | -control adjacent vegetation |

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Height of vegetation
blocks views to the
northeast

Height of vegetation obstructs
views from bench to south



Ornamental vegetation in
front of wall



LEGEND

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape
- Zone 2 - Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

East Portal Viewpoint

1:600

25 0 25 50 Feet



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